

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A dressing product comprising:

a dressing sheet, one first surface of which is provided with an adhesive, whereby said first surface defines an adhering surface for attaching the dressing sheet to an anatomical surface of a living being;

a carrier system defining a gripping section for handling of the carrier system by human fingers, the carrier system providing a support for the dressing sheet and at least a part of the carrier system is attached to the dressing sheet by ~~means of~~ said adhesive;

the dressing sheet being releasably connected to ~~or contained in~~ the carrier system, so that the carrier system can be separated from the dressing sheet during application thereof, wherein the carrier system comprises a supporting section and a protective sheet in coplanar alignment, said supporting section and protective sheet ~~being~~ adjoined along a common curved or linear line non-overlapping boundary, wherein a first portion of the supporting section is adhered to the adhering surface of the dressing sheet to define an overlapping region in which the sheet adheres to the supporting section, and a second portion of the supporting section that is not adhered to the dressing sheet when the first portion is adhered to the dressing sheet, the second portion defining a non-overlapping region in which the sheet does not adhere to the supporting section.

Claim 2 (original): A dressing product according to claim 1 wherein the supporting section and the protective sheet are adjoined along a fold line.

Claim 3 (original): A dressing product according to claim 1 wherein the supporting section and the protective sheet are adjoined along an edge portion.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A dressing product according to claim 1 wherein the supporting section is provided with a slit in the ~~area being uncovered by the dressing sheet~~ non-overlapping region.

Claim 5 (original): A dressing product according to claim 4 wherein the slit is substantially parallel to the adjoining line of the supporting section and the protective sheet.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1, wherein the carrier system defines an opening, through which a portion of the adhering surface of the dressing sheet is accessible, while the dressing sheet is connected to the carrier system.

Claim 7 (original): A dressing product according to claim 6, wherein the opening is provided centrally over the dressing sheet.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1 wherein the gripping section extends away from the dressing sheet in a direction substantially parallel to the plane defined by the dressing sheet, the gripping section having a bending stiffness which is sufficient to control application of the dressing sheet.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1 wherein the gripping section is arranged to extend beyond the bounds of the dressing sheet, and wherein, when seen in a plane view, that length of the gripping section which is beyond the bounds of the dressing sheet is at least equal to the largest cross-sectional dimension of the dressing sheet.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1 wherein the surface area of the dressing sheet is less than 5 cm^2 , such as at most 4 cm^2 , such as at most 2 cm^2 , such as in the range of $1\text{-}2 \text{ cm}^2$.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1, wherein the line adjoining the protective sheet and the supporting section may be broken or separated when an operator applies a tension to the carrier system in the region of the line.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 3, wherein the protective sheet is integral with the supporting section of the carrier system, the carrier system defining a weakened braking line at the transition between the supporting section and the protective sheet.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1, wherein the carrier system comprises a supporting sheet having a bending stiffness, which is greater than the bending stiffness of the dressing sheet.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A dressing product according to claim ~~14~~13, wherein the supporting sheet is coated with a silicone material.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1 wherein the adhering layer comprises hydrocolloid particles.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the adhesive is 25-300 pm and the vapour permeability of the dressing sheet is 200-2000 g/m².

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive is applied to a backing layer made from a polyurethane film.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A dressing product according to claim 1, wherein the adhering surface of the dressing sheet comprises a pharmaceutically active substance.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): A dressing product comprising:

- a dressing sheet, one first surface of which is provided with an adhesive, whereby said first surface defines an adhering surface for attaching the dressing sheet to an anatomical surface of a living being;

- a carrier system defining a gripping section for handling of the carrier system by human fingers, the carrier system providing a support for the dressing sheet,, wherein the carrier system defines a cavity for accommodating the dressing sheet.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): A dressing product according to claim 20, further comprising a cover member for the cavity.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): A dressing product comprising:

- a dressing sheet, one first surface of which is provided with an adhesive, whereby said first

surface defines an adhering surface for attaching the dressing sheet to an anatomical surface of a living being;

a carrier system defining a gripping section for handling of the carrier system by human fingers, the carrier system comprise a protective sheet providing a support for the dressing sheet; and wherein the carrier system comprises a thread arranged between said adhering surface of the dressing sheet and the protective sheet and extending beyond a bound of the dressing sheet.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A method of applying a dressing sheet of a dressing product according to claim 1 to an anatomical surface of a living being, the method comprising:

separating the protective sheet from the adhering surface of the dressing sheet; attaching at least a portion of the adhering surface to said anatomical surface, and subsequently separating the carrier system from the dressing sheet.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim ~~23~~22, comprising applying a pharmaceutical substance to the adhering surface of the through said opening portion of the protective sheet prior to separation of the protective sheet from the nonoverlapping region of the adhering surface of the dressing sheet.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): A kit comprising a dressing product according to claims 1 and a container containing a substance applicable to a surface portion of the first surface of the dressing patch.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A kit according to claim ~~25~~24, wherein the substance comprises an ointment or cream.